

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth
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HERSETH ANNOUNCES ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Recommends South Dakota's Best and Brightest to Military
Academies

January 12, 2006, Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Stephanie
Herseth today announced the names of students she is nominating to U.S.
Service Academies for the Class of 2010. Herseth nominated a range of
South Dakota's best and brightest students, from all around the state.

Herseth said, "I am proud to once again recommend an excellent slate of
candidates for selection by a service academy. We received an
extraordinarily impressive list of candidates, and these recipients are truly
deserving. I look forward to great things from "

South Dakota residents between the ages of 17 and 23 were eligible to
apply to service academies if they met eligibility requirements in leadership,
physical aptitude, scholarship and character. The four service academies
are the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Naval Academy at
Annapolis, Maryland; the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs,
Colorado; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.
The academies will make offers of appointment this spring.

Herseth's nominees include, in alphabetical order:

Sioux Falls Interviews:

Tyrell Arment: Kadoka High School and is from Wanblee.

Nomination to: Naval Academy

John Bowman: Dakota Valley High School in Dakota Dunes

Nomination to: Air Force, Naval Academy

Jonathan Cameron: Hot Springs High School

Nomination to: Naval, West Point

Matthew Cordell: Wilmot native and is a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton
Dakota Sioux Tribe.

Nomination to: West Point, Merchant Marine Academy

Benton English, Sioux Falls native

Nomination to: West Point

Miranda Fees: St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City

Nomination to: Air Force, West Point

Anne Gabrys: Deuel High School in Clear Lake

Nomination to: Naval Academy

Matthew Hanley: Rapid City Stevens High School.

Nomination to: Naval Academy

Michael Jansen: Home-schooled, Rapid City.

Nomination to: Air Force

Derrick Jerke: Watertown High School

Nomination to: Air Force, Naval, and Merchant Marine Academy

April Jorgenson: Sioux Falls Christian High

Nomination to: Air Force

Jeremy Milstead: West Central in Hartford

Nomination to: West Point, Merchant Marine Academy, and Naval Academy

Tyler Peterson: Rapid City Stevens High School

Nomination to: Air Force

Joel Rickenbach Hot Springs High School

Nomination to: Naval Academy, West Point

Kimberly Roe: O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls.

Nomination to: West Point

Brett Rogers: Salem native

Nomination to: Air Force, Naval Academy

Zechariah Roloff: Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown

Nomination to: Air Force

Kathleen Schjodt: Hot Spring High School

Nomination to: Air Force, West Point

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats committed to fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Resources.